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PADUCAH, KY., THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, 1909.

TEN CENTS PER WEEK

MANY PLANT BEDS INDICATE LARGE CROP OF TOBACCO

No Depredations Are Reported in Calloway County This Year.

Building Boom Strikes Murray—Tax Raise Unpopular

CIRCUIT COURT NEXT WEEK.

Murray, Ky., April 1. (Special.)—Judging from the number of plant beds and their condition, a bumper crop of tobacco will be put out in Calloway county this year if the weather continues favorable until transplanting time. No beds have been scraped or other night rider depredations reported as yet, though some anxiety is felt because several men have been making mysterious visits in some sections the given reason for their activity being to secure evidence against dumpers to present to the grand jury, but sinister motives are suspected.

Circuit Court.

Circuit court meets the second Monday in April and it is likely that several night rider cases will be tried, and if so, the course of court officials will be watched with interest, because of the impending primary in the judicial district.

Jack Hanberry, of Christian county, will be Judge Cook's only opponent and at present the race is uninteresting. Many strong law and order Democrats will remain out of the primary that they may be free to vote for whom they please in November, while it is said others will enter the primary with the avowed intention of retiring Cook at the primary and Hanberry at the general election, should he be nominated.

Won't Stand Raise.

The state board of equalization has announced a tentative raise of three per cent on Calloway farm property and ten per cent on town lots. A delegation headed by Judge Patterson will go to Frankfort and endeavor to convince the board that the raise is unjust.

A Building Boom.

Murray is enjoying a building boom and a number of residences are in course of construction. The burned section of Main street will be rebuilt as soon as brick can be secured. Workmen are now employed in clearing the debris.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Dollie Curd and Miss Wadie Miller, who have been teaching school at Mineral Mound, Ga., are home for vacation.

Dr. J. G. Hart has been ill several days.

Miss Cora Graves has returned from Boomer, Tenn., where she taught school.

A little child of Jesse Wallace has been seriously ill but is improving.

P. G. M.

MEMPHIS IS LUCKY CITY.

Next Conference Child Labor Comes to Bluff City.

New Orleans, La., April 1.—The executive committee appointed by the child labor conference just before adjournment today held a meeting this afternoon and practically decided to hold the next gathering in Memphis. The Tennessee delegation were very urgent in their invitation, but Gov. Patterson will be consulted by Gov. Sanders, and if a formal invitation comes from the Tennessee executive, then the next session will be held in the Bluff City.

WATERWAYS BILL READY.

Illinois Legislature May Help Lakes-to-Gulf Project.

Springfield, Ill., April 1.—The waterways committee of the senate has decided to prepare a bill for carrying forward Illinois' share in the Lakes-to-the-Gulf deep waterway, to be constructed if necessary without government aid, but with it if possible. The waterway is to be at least 14 feet deep, and through rock cut the depth will be as near 24 feet as the means at the disposal of the builders will allow. These two provisions in their policy harmonize with the administration waterway bill introduced in the session. It is diametrically opposite from the recommendations of Congressman Lorimer, whose advice has been toward waiting for help from the government, and taking no active step until such aid is given. The pending house bill provides for construction of a waterway with the co-operation of the government.

Petroleum Ship Explodes While Hold is Being Inspected by Agent of French Company at Marseilles

Deck Torn Away and Many Hands Killed Outright or Fatally Injured—Cause of Accident Not Known.

Marseilles, April 1.—The three masted schooner, Jules Henry, of Philadelphia, was blown to kindling wood today by the explosion of a cargo of 18,000 tons of petroleum. Eight were killed, seven mortally wounded and three dangerously.

Jules Henry, the tank vessel, was owned by Captain M. Escoffier. The cause is not known. It occurred during preparations to unload.

The explosion followed the entry to the tank hold of a representative of the Veritas agency, and second officer, who were inspecting vessel. The deck lifted off the forward part of the ship and wrenched under. The heat made aid impossible.

Mine Explosion.

Charleston, W. Va., April 1.—Four men were killed and two seriously injured in an explosion at Echo mine of Beury Brothers' Coal and Coke company, Beury, Fayette county, late last evening. The cause was gas coming in an abandoned part.

Engineers Scalded.

New York, April 1.—Two engineers of the liner, LaTouffaine, which sailed for Havre today, are reported seriously scalded and possibly will die. The ship anchored off Staten Island. It was disabled as the result of the accident.

SHORTAGE IN OFFICE OF BALTIMORE REGISTER

Baltimore, Md., April 1.—An examination of the books in the office of the city register tonight showed an apparent shortage of more than \$67,000 in the funds of that office. William E. Downs, stock clerk in the office, is under arrest.

Miners Celebrate.

Scranton, Pa., April 1.—Today is the anniversary of the enforcement of the eight-hour day secured to the United Mine Workers of the bituminous districts. Also Mitchell day is observed throughout the anthracite regions. They are holding mass meetings with prominent speakers.

Historic Temple Destroyed

Tokio, April 1.—The historic Toguwa Shogunates temple was destroyed by fire today. The loss was \$2,000,000.

Most of the priceless art and history treasures were saved. The temple attracted thousands of students and travelers from all parts of the world.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN CLEANING UP CONTEST SHOWN BY MANY INQUIRIES

Interest in the contest for cleaning up the city was shown yesterday by the fact that several telephone calls were received by the ladies' committee, while they were in session to consider rules governing the contest. Quite a number of people said they intend to plant trees, but some of them wish to plant in the fall, so the rules have been modified to include bona fide contracts. If the boys get agencies for nurseries without delay they will make some money this month, canvassing the city, besides standing a good show to win a gold watch.

WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, slightly warmer. Highest temperature yesterday, 57; lowest today, 45.

HOW TO DESTROY FLEET.

Washington, April 1.—Wright brothers will demonstrate how to destroy battleships when they finish the government tests of the aeroplane in June at Fort Myer, Virginia. They will take a battleship's outlines on the ground in chalk and drop projectiles.

AGED LADY BURNS TO DEATH AT HOME NEAR ALEXANDER

Fulton, Ky., April 1.—Death in a horrible manner overtook Mrs. A. G. Kimbro, Sr., 78 years old, of the Alexander section, when her dress became ignited in a bonfire of leaves she had kindled in her garden yesterday afternoon. When she felt the sting of the flames she screamed and ran toward the house, but became exhausted and fell in the yard, where she was found enveloped in flames. She died at midnight. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: A. G. Kimbro, Jr., and Allie Kimbro, and Mesdames Hiram Kearby, Harvey House, Henry McClanahan and D. Molston.

Left Many Descendants.

Bardwell, Ky., April 1. (Special.)—James Brown, 88 years old, died here today. He is survived by 13 children, 75 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. S. A. Brown, the druggist at Brookport, Ill., is a grandchild.

Parish Trial.

Hawesville, Ky., April 1.—(Special.)—Receiver Pedley is testifying in the Parish trial, showing the worthless assets of the bank.

False Swearing Charge.

Frankfort, Ky., April 1.—(Special.)—Garrett Ripley, assistant adjutant, was arrested on a warrant charging him with false swearing. It is the result of an old night rider trial in Shelby.

Little Richard Yeltema.

Richard Henry Yeltema, the 10-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yeltema, of 835 North Ninth street, died at 6:15 o'clock this morning after a several weeks' illness. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence. The burial will be at Oak Grove cemetery.

Card Sharps Aboard

New York, April 1.—Two striking looking women and three men formed a group of card sharps, who defied passengers of the liner America out of several thousand dollars on the western trip which ended last night.

BIRDS POINT, MO., VISITED BY FIRE, FOLLOWING FLOOD

Cairo, Ill., April 1.—Birds Point, Mo., the little town directly across the Mississippi river from Cairo, was almost completely destroyed by fire this morning. The fire, which originated in the hotel about 2 o'clock, spread rapidly to a number of store buildings in the immediate vicinity and seven of them were destroyed, only one remaining. The flames soon reached the residence portion of the town and over a dozen of them were laid low. The monetary loss will run in the thousands, with very little insurance.

Ins. Companies Lose

New York, April 1.—The attempt of the big life insurance companies to nullify by the courts the section of the New York laws, limiting the amount of business they do annually, failed. Justice Ogromer today in the supreme court rendered a decision, declaring the section constitutional.

Today's decision is a heavy defeat to the companies who are expected to appeal. The section of the law objected to most, limits the amount of new business written in one year to \$150,000,000. The companies argued the limitation is exceptional and hampers operations.

FT. LEAVENWORTH MILITARY PRISON ALMOST CONSUMED

Big Stockade Catches Fire Late in Night—All Prisoners Saved.

Flame Fought by Soldiers on Guard There.

QUARTER MILLION IS THE LOSS

Leavenworth, Kas., April 1.—The military prison at Fort Leavenworth was partially destroyed by fire last night. The prisoners were removed from the cell house under a heavy guard of United States troops and confined in the stockade.

None of the prisoners escaped, so far as a hasty resume of the situation shows after midnight, but this may not be definitely known until daylight. Owing to the low water pressure the fire department of the fort was almost useless. The fire was fought by the soldiers of the fort who were ordered out of their quarters and those who were on leave in the city were at once called to the post.

Two Soldiers Injured.

Two soldiers were injured while fighting the flames, but none of the prisoners were injured in any way.

Much excitement attended the removal of the prisoners many of whom were desperate characters and it was feared they would make an organized break for safety.

The fire broke out at 10 o'clock in a tailor's shop and soon it was seen that the main building was doomed. A great outcry at once broke out in the prison, the convicts fearing they would be burned to death. They had

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Calhoun Case

San Francisco, April 1.—Prosecutor Heney expects the presentation of evidence in the Calhoun bribery case Monday. One hundred permanent jurors are secured. The opening address to the jury will be by District Attorney Langdon.

Factories Busy

Industries in Paducah have begun to feel the upward trend of business, and some of the factories are working time. The Wisdom Hosiery mill at Eighth and Jones streets, is working several nights in each week in an effort to fill the orders. Over 100 girls are employed at the mill.

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New Theory of Panic Cause Given Forth in Course of Tariff Debate in Lower House of Congress Today

BALLOON DESTROYER.

Los Angeles, April 1.—C. W. Sirch today announced he has invented a "dirigible balloon destroyer," guaranteed to destroy a balloon at a distance of fifteen miles. He says he will use a powerful electric spark to ignite the gas in the balloons.

Report Circulated That Ways and Means Committee Will Change Schedule on Lumber—Tariff Commission Certain.

Washington, April 1.—Protection for tobacco growers in the black patch of Kentucky and hemp producers of that state was the plea made in the house today by Cantrill, of Kentucky, in his maiden speech. He complimented Uncle Joe as the "Tenbroeck of American politics." It was the first time Cantrill was ever referred to as a race horse.

Gaines, of West Virginia, maintained in the house today that the world's conditions produced the panic of 1907. He declared foreign manufacturers felt the depression and sought to evade it, unloading their materials on the United States, flooding the market and reducing prices.

It is announced today that the house ways and means committee decided to modify the lumber provision of the Payne bill. The changed maximum rates will apply only to particular lumber products taxed for export by a foreign country or province.

Will Agree to Debate.

Washington, April 1.—A compromise is to be agreed to by various factions of the Republican side of the house regarding the consideration of the Payne tariff bill, and it is confidently expected that the measure will be voted upon April 10. There was a noticeable disposition of the "stand

Revenue Stamps.

L. L. Bebout, stamp deputy, issued 384 wholesale liquor dealers stamps and collected \$12,726.33.

Police Department.

March was a busy month for the police department, as 148 arrests were made, which was an increase over the month of February. The patrol wagon had 55 runs at night, while 26 calls were answered in the day. The month closed with a heavy run last night, and the number was made larger by one wholesale arrest of boys. The arrests were: Drunk, 25; peace, 54; malicious shooting, 4; petit larceny, 30; loitering, 1; exposure, 1; vagrancy, 6; carrying weapons concealed, 3; conspiracy, 3; breach of ordinance, 7; suspects, 2; disorderly house, 1; presenting a pistol, 1; flourishing a gun, 14 gaming, 11; adultery, 2; housebreaking, 1; fugitive from justice, 1; moonching, 1; robbery, 1.

Fire Department.

Thirteen runs were answered by the fire department, which proves that March was a dull month for the fire ladders. The firemen were anxious for a false alarm before midnight, but the gong refused to ring, and the thirteen went down on the books. The property loss for the month amounts to \$4,125.

Marriage Licenses.

March had a record almost equal to that of June, as 47 couples were married during the month according to the marriages issued at the county clerk's office. Ten of them were for negroes.

I. C. Hospital.

The following is the monthly report of the Illinois Central railroad hospital: Patients March 1—24; admitted, 42; deaths, 1; Patients April 1, 21; discharged, 44.

Riverside Hospital.

More cases were received at Riverside hospital during the month of March than February. An especial showing was made in the number of private patients treated during the month. The report is: City patients, March 1, 13; private patients, 4. Received—city patients, 13; private patients, 27. Treated—city patients, 26; private patients, 31. Discharged—city patients, 22; private patients, 23. Deaths—city patients, 1. Births—city patients, 1, April—city patients, 4; private patients, 8.

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Helen Faulkner's Hearing.

Sharon, Pa., April 1.—Helen Faulkner will be brought here for preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Gilbert immediately after the return of James P. Whistler, according to attorneys connected with the case today.

FREIGHT HANDS JOIN CLERKS IN CHICAGO STRIKE

Three Thousand Go Out This Morning and Hundreds at Noon.

Building Trades May be Affected Soon.

EMPLOYERS WILL STAND FIRM

Chicago, April 1.—Three thousand men of various trades struck today. They threaten the trouble will spread to several thousands more.

Five hundred railroad freight handlers quit at noon today in sympathy with the striking wholesale grocery clerks. Several hundred teamsters refused to handle freight and struck today. Twenty-three thousand members of the teamsters' union may follow.

Employers involved in the various strikes declared today there is no chance of settlement. They propose to continue with non-union labor. If the threat is sustained, Chicago building construction will be tied up for the summer.

King Peter's Dilemma.

Balgrade, April 1.—Servian politicians believe King Peter will decide in a few days whether he will continue on the throne. If the present angry temper of the people continues the king will abdicate the throne, regardless of whether the government grants him an annuity.

The belief is general that Peter will abdicate. It is said he already has asked the good graces of the Russian and English ministers in an attempt to have the government grant an immediate annuity. People hold Peter primarily responsible for the reverse in the Balkan issue.

PRIEST DRAGGED IN CHAINS

Humiliated Because He Preached a Holy War for Pretender.

Fez, Morocco, Friday, April 1.—The priest, Kittani, who was captured and brought into Fez early this week, was today dragged through the streets of Fez, bareheaded and in chains. Kittani's offence is that he preached a "holy war" in support of the pretender to the Moroccan throne. The ecclesiastics who interceded with Sultan Mulai Hafid in Kittani's behalf were promptly whipped.

Tobacco Being Graded.

About 1,000 hogheads of the 1908 dark tobacco crop were graded today at the Planters' Protective association salesroom. Second and Jefferson streets, by Graders Miller, Glover and W. B. Blakemore. Grader Bell, of Cobb, was unable to assist in the grading of tobacco today. In the last month a few hogheads over 3,000 have been graded at the salesroom in charge of A. N. Neal. The tobacco graded has shown up well and all of it is of the 1908 crop.

TO LOWER STREET CAR STEPS.

Women's Federation of Clubs Start Agitation.

San Antonio, Tex., April 1.—American club women are planning a vigorous national campaign for the lowering of street car steps. At yesterday's session of the biennial council convention of the general federation it was declared that car steps in the majority of American cities are now too high and the women propose to see what can be done to have them lowered.

In the report of the outlook committee a general boycott against merchants who do their advertising by the display billboard was suggested, but in the end it was decided to take no official action. This proposition was meant as a suggestion toward beautifying cities.

Bread Goes Up

Local bakers advanced the price of bread today. Wholesale prices were raised from 3 1/2 to 4 cents and retail from 4 to 5 cents. The rise in the price of flour is blamed for the increase.

Chicago Market.

May	High	Low	Close
Wheat	1.20 1/4	1.19	1.20
Corn	.67 1/2	.67 1/4	.67 1/2
Oats	.24 1/2	.24 1/4	.24 1/2
Lard	10.07	10.02	10.05
Ribs	9.37	9.35	9.35
July	High	Low	Close
Prov.	17.80	17.72	17.72